

Metcos, Hosts Enjoy Day For Family

By Karin Bartow

'A Day of Fun For The Entire Family' met an enthus-

iastic response from close to 200 Metco and Cohasset Host families and friends who turned out at Cohasset High

Ellen Roy Regular With Radcliffe Crew

Her middle name — Swain — may have nothing to do with it, but Cohasset's Ellen Roy has performed consistently well as a member of the Radcliffe varsity lightweight crew. The Harvard sophomore rowed from the number four seat this spring.

"It's not often that someone

moves up from the second freshman boat to the first varsity in only one year," noted coach Peter Huntsman. "Ellen's improvement has really been remarkable, and she's a big reason for our optimism about the next couple of years."

The Radcliffe lights had a fine spring, notching two wins in three regattas. Perhaps their most impressive outing of the season was a narrow loss to a heavyweight crew from the University of New Hampshire in an exhibition contest. Radcliffe's only setbacks were dealt by local rival Boston University, which beat Radcliffe first head-to-head, then again in the Eastern Sprints, in which Radcliffe finished second.

An alumna of Buckingham Browne and Nichols, Roy is a Slavic Studies major at Harvard and hopes to pursue a career as a diplomat. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Roy of 438 Jerusalem Road.

School on Sunday afternoon. Planned jointly by Metco and Cohasset Host family parent groups, the end-of-year event for all ages included a picnic, games, sports, and a sultry summer day to accompany them all.

Coolers and paper bags emptied their various contents as picnickers lunched and visited with each other. Pourers of all sizes ladled cool punch from deep pots. Charcoal grills sizzled hot dogs and hamburgers. A chorus of friendly chatter, squeals, and shouts hummed across the grassy field through racing legs and ice-creamed, sticky fingers.

Entire families were there... having fun: playing baseball, kickball, tossing Frisbees, raising kites. Simon Says (all kinds of things), bubble (big, round, pretty) gum blowing, water balloon toss, and sack races were played. Groupings of blankets and chairs checkered the ground as friends relaxed and renewed relationships.

Sunday's turn-out reflected the good year Metco and Host families have shared. Metco stands for the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity Inc. established in 1966 to provide integrated public school education for urban children in suburban schools. Cohasset's 10 year old Metco program has 48 students enrolled this year, with five graduated. There is a Host family for every student, and many back-up families to fill in for them when needed. The Host family's role includes providing a 'home away from home' for the Metco student, and to be available in the event of any emergency or special need. Cohasset families fulfill their role also by phoning Boston families about school events; inviting a Metco student to their home for an overnight or afternoon; contacting Mrs. Burns, the Metco coordinator; or by attending a Metco-sponsored event.

While it is hoped that there will be some contact between families, the extent to which each socializes, is up to the individuals. Mrs. Cordie Foell, chairman of the Host Family Committee, says, "The important thing is that the kids are in a spot where someone is looking after them. Participation in social events,

while it gives Metco families some feeling of warmth here in Cohasset, isn't essential to the program."

The successful 'Day of Fun' communicates that Cohasset welcomes the Metco families. Mrs. Foell senses, "The people who came wanted to be there and the feeling among them was pretty genuine."

A round of thanks is extended to the many individuals

from Boston and Cohasset who helped plan and organize Sunday's fete.

There will be a need for new Host and Back-up families in the fall and if you are interested, please call: Mrs. Cordie Foell, 383-1650, Mrs. Noreen Leonard, 383-6563, Mrs. Liz Kuhn, 383-0580 or Mrs. Thelma Burns, Metco Coordinator at Cohasset High School, 383-6105.

DAR Award

At the monthly meeting of the Cohasset DAR held recently at the home of the Chapter Regent Mrs. Drexel Gibson, Good Citizen awards were presented to David Gunville, senior at Cohasset High School, and Mark Hammond, senior at Whitman-Hanson

Both young men were chosen for this honor by their teachers and fellow classmates. David is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gunville of Cohasset, and will attend Stonehill College in the fall; Mark is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Ray Hammond of Hanson and will attend Massachusetts Maritime Academy.



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